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For: **Method to Detect Prostate Cancer in a Sample**
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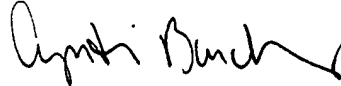
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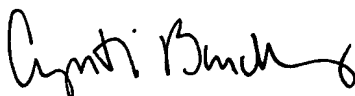
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